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Cactus District Weekly Update

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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

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CACTUS DISTRICT MEETING

I invite all Cactus District residents to my upcoming Open House style district meeting. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and talk with representatives from Police, Fire, Code Compliance, Parks & Recreation, Streets and Transportation Departments, and Valley Metro.

DATE: Thursday, October 22

TIME: 5 to 7 p.m.

LOCATION: 5127 W. Northern - Manistee Ranch (enter at 51st Avenue, just south of Northern Avenue)



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Glendale Offers Resources, Tips for Safe Halloween Night.

Did you know that children are four times more likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than any other night of the year? In

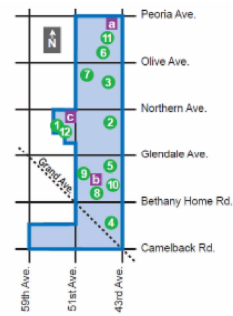


addition, seasonal decorations and costumes can be highly flammable and pose risks to your family or your home. Halloween is a popular holiday, with costumes, trick-or-treating and parties, but it can also be a time to be mindful of safety precautions to make sure everyone has a fun time and stays safe.

Beginning October 21, the city of Glendale is offering 'Be Safe, Be Seen' reflective Halloween bags, glow-in-the-dark bracelets and safety coloring books at any of the three Glendale libraries, which are free while supplies last.

The Glendale Police, Fire and Transportation Services departments have created a video to remind residents about important safety information for Halloween night. The video is on the city's [YouTube channel](#).

- If trick-or-treating, remember to wear something reflective.
- Drivers should stay on alert, especially in residential neighborhoods.
- Make sure costumes fit to increase the mobility and visibility of children wearing them.
- USA Safe Kids suggests children under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult.
- Check all treats before they are eaten and report anything suspicious.



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Glendale Vice Mayor Ian Hugh Celebrates Homecoming at Apollo High School on "Glendale Today."

Vice Mayor Ian Hugh of the Cactus District goes back to high school for one of the biggest events of the year in his new edition of the TV show "Glendale Today." Vice Mayor Hugh talks with Brooke Parsons, principal of Apollo High School, about what it takes to put on a successful Homecoming for students and their families to enjoy.

Viewers get to experience first-hand the many elements involved in this special week, including cheerleader and band performances at the pep assembly, the Homecoming Parade complete with Homecoming Royalty and of course the big football game!

Vice Mayor Hugh is a special guest at the Apollo High School Homecoming pep rally, as is Apollo alum Councilmember Bart Turner of the Barrel district. Here's a [sneak peek](#) at the show.

- Be sure to show your children how to cross a street properly. They should always look both ways before crossing the street and should only cross at corners or crosswalks. Make sure that if you have more than one child, they know to take the hand of the younger child when they cross a street.
- For the purpose of lighting jack-o-lanterns, use a flashlight or a liquid light that glows after it bends, not candles
- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torchlights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)
- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as

The show began airing October 8 at 8p.m. "Glendale Today" is produced by staff from the city-owned TV station Glendale 11. The show will air daily on Glendale 11 as well as online via the city's video library at www.glendaleaz.com/video and exclusive segments can be found on the city's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11. For more information about the new TV show, visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11.

part of their costume so they can be seen while walking in neighborhoods.

- Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them. Let them know that they are to check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home. Make sure that they know not to deviate from the planned route so that you always know where they will be.

Make the most of your Halloween festivities by following these safety tips from the city of Glendale. For additional information, visit www.glendaleaz.com or call the Transportation Services Department at 623-930-2940.

Glendale Fire Recruits Graduate Academy.

New fire fighters joined the ranks of the Glendale Fire Department after graduating from the fire academy this past Saturday. A total of 27 fire fighters graduated from the multi-agency fire academy including firefighters from Daisy Mountain, Goodyear and Peoria Fire Departments. Glendale picked-up thirteen as part of an on-going federal grant which helps defray the cost of hiring.

The academy is thirteen weeks as the recruits learned all facets of firefighting including hazardous materials, emergency medical care, building construction, physical fitness and wellness, hose stream management, ladders and fire behavior. Today's fire service is dynamic and considered "all hazards" regarding the mitigation of emergencies.

They adopted Peoria Fire Captain Dave Rhenke as one of their own when they learned of his battle with cancer. "Rhenke Renegades" was the class motto and they also raised money at a carwash to help support him.

The recruits are instructed by certified and highly experienced "Recruit Training Officers"

which are veteran Fire Captains. The addition of firefighters in Glendale will ensure appropriate staffing to handle emergencies and replace existing vacancies within the department due to attrition.

The Glendale Fire Department currently has 249 firefighters including Chief Officers in its ranks and is rated as one of the busiest department in the state. Glendale responded to 36,852 incident calls in 2014.

Two City of Glendale Events Make a Difference to the Community.

Did you know that Saturday, October 24 is Make a Difference Day? The city of Glendale is making a difference on this date with two separate events designed to encourage volunteers to give back to the community. Glendale employees will team up with other volunteers to refresh Glendale homes with new paint as part of the city's Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon, while Free Arts for Abused Children is partnering with Glendale to involve disadvantaged youth in community art projects.

Scheduled from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., the Rock & Roll Paint-A-Thon helps maintain neighborhoods by painting homes of applicants who are ages 60 and older and/or have a permanent disability, limited financial resources, or are veterans who are unable to do the work themselves. Through an application process which matches volunteers with those in need of assistance and in partnership with Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun, makes a continuous positive impact on Glendale and engages more than 3,000 volunteers Valley wide through hands-on neighborhood revitalization. Volunteers from Vineyard Church North Phoenix will also be painting up to five homes two weeks earlier, as part of this effort.

In the last five years, teams of volunteers painted more than 560 homes, including homes in Glendale, during this one-day event. Michelle Yates, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, hopes to see similar

results this year. "Glendale is invested in the well-being of our community," she said. "It is so humbling to see the volunteers that turn out each year to help us meet this demand of helping those in need within our city. It really is a rewarding experience!"

Help us make a difference by volunteering! All volunteers must be at least age 14 and volunteers younger than 18 must have signed parental permission slips. For more information, call 623-930-2663.

A different kind of painting takes center stage during the Make a Difference event hosted by Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona in Murphy Park, 58th & Glendale avenues, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. More than 150 homeless and abused children will join 50 volunteers to beautify the downtown area by creating a meaningful mural. In addition, four other small projects will benefit people in need.

Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona, the city of Glendale, Families Giving Back, and the Fiesta Bowl are all sponsors of this event. Live music and a performance will be provided by Free Arts youth and professional artists. Lunch will be served to all who participate. Downtown businesses are encouraged to come out and share in the fun!

Parking is available in the Palmaire Parking Garage located at Palmaire and 58th Drive. For more information, call Mojgan Vahabzadeh at 623-930-3557 or email mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com. To learn more about Free Arts, visit www.freeartsaz.org/.

Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and Police Officer for Coffee and Conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist Doreen Anderson at 623-695-0440.

October 19, 2015
6 p.m.
Submarino's at 7910 N. 43 Ave Suite 6

New Fall Hours at the Velma Teague Library

Beginning October 1, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

The Velma Teague Library's new operating hours:

Monday & Thursday: 1-8 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday & Sunday: Closed
Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information, call 623-930-3430.

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